Sl. No.	Name of the supplier	Equipment	Quantity	Value
1	Uralmash Partners, Russia	EKG5A Rope Shovel	3 Nos.	Rs. 345 lakh (FOB Foreign Port)
2	BEML, Bangalore	50 Ton Dumper	8 Nos.	Rs. 546 Lakhs (Ex-works basis)
3	Hindustan Motors	50 Ton Dumper	8 Nos	Rs. 612 Lakhs (Ex works basis)
4	Ashok Leyland, Madras	18 Ton Dumper	2 Nos	Rs. 37 Lakhs (Ex works basis)
5	Ingersoll Rand. Hyderabd	4.5" Crawler Drill	3 Nos.	Rs. 49 Lakhs (Ex-works basis)
6	Killick Halco Ltd.	4.5" Blast Hole Drill	1 No.	Rs. 7 Lakhs (Ex-works basis)

(b) The Company has reported that it is strictly following the tendering system, whereby offers are obtained from all possible sources of supply and orders are financial on the basis of techno-economic evaluation on a competitive basis after negotiating the price, wherever necessary.

(c) Hydraulic excavators are being preferred by the Company over Russian Rope Shovels as they are the latest state-of-the art technology in mining equipment. Hydraulic excavators are reported to be more reliable, faster in operation and hence more productive. These Hydraulic excavators are manufactured in India by various companies in collaboration with reputed foreign companies. The performance of the Russian rope shovels has not been found to be satisfactory by NMDC. The Comp ny has also been facing problems in procurement of spare parts for the Russian rope shovels.

(d) Details of the cost and the capacities of these two items are given below :

Sl. No.	Type	Capacity	Cost
1	RUSSIAN ELECTRIC ROPE SHOVEL	4 Cubic Metre	Rs. 115 Lakhs FOB RUSSIAN PORT
2	DIESEL HYDRAULIC EXCAVATOR	5.5 ,, ,,	Rs. 422 LAKHS EX-WORKS
3	ELECTTIC HYDRAULIC EXCAVATOR	5 5 ,, ,,	Rs. 466 5 LAKHS EX-WORKS

(e) Government's intervention does not appear to be necessary in view of the position explained above.

Production of Steel in the Country

3504. SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN : Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state :

(a) what was the target set for production of steel in 1993 ;

(b) whether the target has been achieved, if not, the reasons therefor ;

(c) whether there is any improvement or reduction in exports ; and

(d) what is the total amount of foreign exchange earned in this regard during the period from 1990 to 1993 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b) The production of finished steel for the year 1993-94 was estimated at 17.24 million tonnes at the beginning of the year. As against this, the production during the period April, 1993—January, 1994 was 12.32 million tonnes.

Actual production is not expected to be of the estimated level mainly because of less production in Visakhapatnam Steel Plant which is in the process of stabilisation and in the secondary sector due to demand recession coupled with increase in cost of inputs.

(c) There has been a substantial increase in export of iron and steel. During the period April, 1993—January, 1994 the Main Producers exported 18.02 lakh tonnes of iron and steel as compared to the export of iron and steel as compared to the export year 1992-93.

(d) The value of Exports of iron and steel materials by Main Producers from 1989-90 to 1992-93 are as under :—

	Rs.
1989-90 . . .	142 Crores
1990-91 . . .	181 Crores
1991-92 . . .	283 Crores
1992-93 . . .	708 Crores
1993-94 . . .	1290 Corres (Up to January, 1994)

Additional Posts of Assistant Engineer/ Assistant Surveyors in CPWD

3505. SHRI RAM DEO BHANDARI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer reply to Unstarred Question 4606 given in the Rajya Sabha on 27th August, 1993 and state:

(a) whether it was stipulated that no extra expenditure towards furniture staff, etc. is allowed to be incurred while providing for additional posts of Assistant Engineer/Assistant surveyor of Works as a result of Cadre Review of Junior Engineers in Central Public Works Department and that the incumbents will serve as Senior/Junior Engineer at the same place of work;

(b) if so, whether these conditions were being adhered to; and

(c) if not, what would have been the approximate extra expenditure incurred on these amenities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. K. THUNGON) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of reply to part (a) above.

Responsibilities Assigned for Assistance Engineers in CPWD

3506. SHRI RAM DEO BHANDARI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 4606 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 27th August, 1993 and state:

(a) whether any additional responsibilities/duties were assigned to the Assistant Engineer, who were designated as Assistant Surveyor of works as a result of Cadre Review of Junior Engineers of C.P.W.D. in the field units and Divisional Officers;

(b) if so, which category of staff was earlier performing those duties prior to Cadre Review of Junior Engineers;

(c) whether it is a fact that these duties shifted to Assistant Surveyor of works in Divisional Offices of C.P.W.D. and also being performed by officials holding other posts;

(d) if so, whether it is a duplication of works; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?